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IDS filed on 11/1/2005 has been considered.

Examiner, on 11/15/2005 sent out form 1449 indicating foreign document DE 195 25 177 and DE 4041054 has not been considered.

At the time of allowance, the examiner usually re-consider all of IDS previously submitted because claimed invention changed, new claims being submitted, or old claims being cancelled due to amendments. Examiner has considered all of the prior art previously submitted on 9/15/2005 except DE 19525177 and DE 4041054. Originally, the examiner intent to send out the 1449 informing the applicant that those two references has not been considered on the date 9/15/2005. However, the examiner now realized that the "date considered" column has not been changed by the examiner to 9/15/2005 and cause confusion.

For the purpose of clarification, DE 19525177 and DE 4041054 has been considered by the examiner on 4/18/2002 and on 3/19/2003 respectively, and was not re-considered on 9/15/2005.

1449 mailed 11/15/2005 showing that DE 19525177 and 4041054 has not been considered on 4/18/2002 and 3/19/2003 is being withdrawn.

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